

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph [42] as follows:

**[42] Brief Description of the ~~Figures~~ Drawings**

**Amendments to the Specification (cont.):**

The abstract of the disclosure is presented below on a separate sheet of paper.

Sustained-release drug-delivery devices employing a mesoporous oxide coating that functions as a drug reservoir, and the use of mesoporous oxide coatings for improved adhesion of organic polymers to inorganic substrates.